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OKANOGAN PUD

Okanogan PUD, in Okanogan County, received approval for a \$400,000 loan and a \$400,000 grant. CERB assistance will allow Okanogan County to create the Methow Valley Redundant Fiber Link by Okanogan PUD #1. This project will complete engineering and installation of 51 miles of redundant fiber-optic cable on existing PUD owned poles from Brewster to Twisp.

The redundant fiber-optic line is essential for the operation of a new business, NCTeleserve, a call/customer contact center. NCTeleserve will be the end user of the redundant fiber link, and will set Okanogan County on a path to attract additional technology companies who require redundant telecommunication services and an available local workforce. NCTeleserve estimates 110 full-time equivalent jobs will be created within three years of business operations.

CenturyTel is the local telephone provider and a partner in this project. CenturyTel, the Okanogan PUD and CERB will partner to complete the redundant fiber loop required by NCTeleserve.

CITY OF STEVENSON

The City of Stevenson, in Skamania County, received approval for a \$50,000 loan and a \$200,000 grant to design, construct and install an 11,400 foot upgrade to the Ryan Allen Water line. The improvements will bring the waterline up to fire flow standards required for expansion of the Skamania Lodge, a destination resort and conference center. The Skamania Lodge is the single largest employer in Skamania County.

The expansion of the lodge will add 59 rooms and 18,000 square feet of conference facilities. This will enable it to attract tourism during the off-season, resulting in greater financial stability for the residents of the county, and new business opportunities.

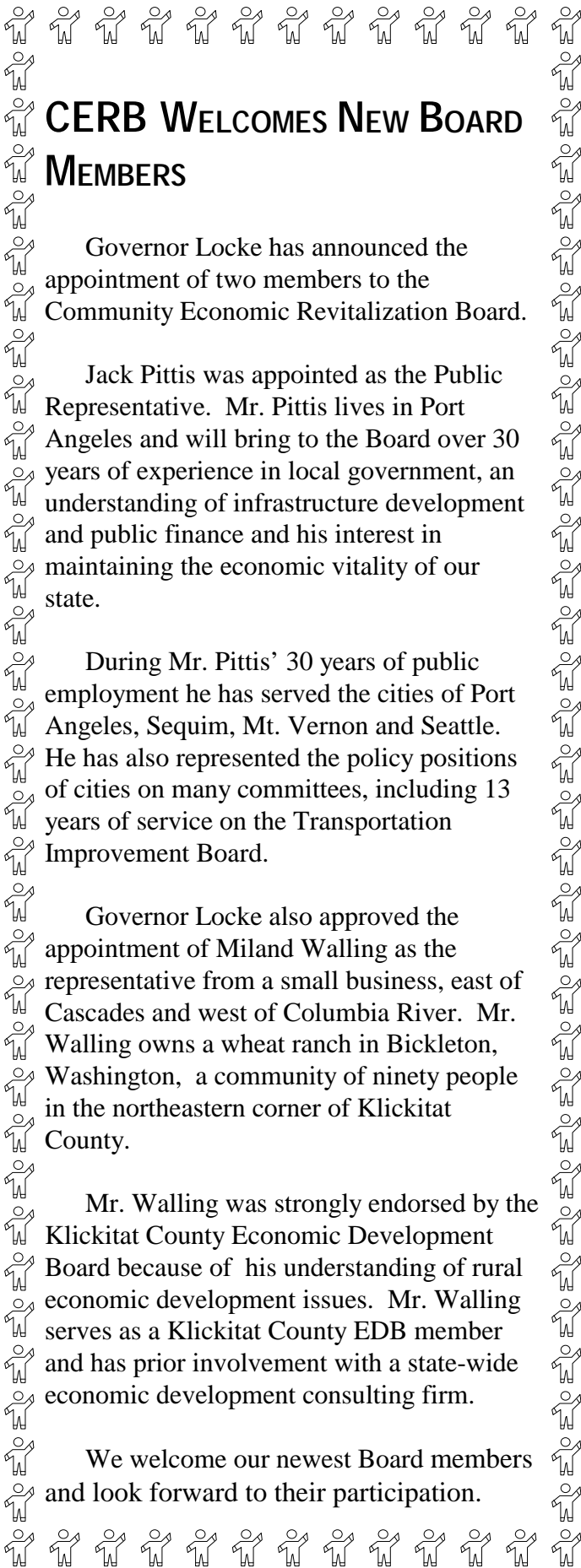
The CERB funded project will create an estimated 38 full-time equivalent jobs in the next one to three years at the Skamania Lodge.

CITY OF PROSSER

The City of Prosser, in Benton County, received approval for a \$350,000 loan and a \$137,510 grant for assistance in developing a new North Prosser Business Park. A feasibility study indicated that the Business Park has strong potential for the wine, agriculture and tourism industries.

This project will extend water and sewer infrastructure, and improve the roadway to provide service to approximately 100 acres adjacent to I-82. Plans for the Port owned property includes a bonded warehouse, a winery, two light industrial buildings and a wine barrel-making facility. Several possible tenants have expressed strong interest in locating at the Business Park. An estimated 73 full-time equivalent jobs will be created.





CERB WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Governor Locke has announced the appointment of two members to the Community Economic Revitalization Board.

Jack Pittis was appointed as the Public Representative. Mr. Pittis lives in Port Angeles and will bring to the Board over 30 years of experience in local government, an understanding of infrastructure development and public finance and his interest in maintaining the economic vitality of our state.

During Mr. Pittis' 30 years of public employment he has served the cities of Port Angeles, Sequim, Mt. Vernon and Seattle. He has also represented the policy positions of cities on many committees, including 13 years of service on the Transportation Improvement Board.

Governor Locke also approved the appointment of Miland Walling as the representative from a small business, east of Cascades and west of Columbia River. Mr. Walling owns a wheat ranch in Bickleton, Washington, a community of ninety people in the northeastern corner of Klickitat County.

Mr. Walling was strongly endorsed by the Klickitat County Economic Development Board because of his understanding of rural economic development issues. Mr. Walling serves as a Klickitat County EDB member and has prior involvement with a state-wide economic development consulting firm.

We welcome our newest Board members and look forward to their participation.



CERB BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF JULY 2001

GOVERNOR APPOINTED

Judith Boekholder, Board Chair
Toppenish, Washington
City Official

Earl Davenport, Board Vice-Chair
Colville, Washington
Large Business Representative

LeRoy Allison
Warden, Washington
County Official

Steven Evans
Walla Walla, Washington
Small Business Representative

Elisabeth Harper
Mount Vernon, Washington
Small Business Representative

Jack Pittis
Port Angeles, Washington
Public Representative

Joe Pinzone
Camas, Washington
Large Business Representative

Jeffrey Matson
Sunnyside, Washington
Port Official

Tom Trulove
Cheney, Washington
Public Sector Economist

Leroy Williams
Bremerton, Washington
Small Business Representative

Miland Walling
Bickleton, Washington

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES

Senator Pat Hale
Joint Legislative Committee on
Economic Development

Senator Tim Sheldon
Senate Economic Development &
Telecommunications Committee

Representative Jim Dunn
House Trade & Economic
Development Committee

Representative Velma Veloria
House Trade & Economic
Development Committee

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Economic Development

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Department of Revenue

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Tina Cohen
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Assistance Center

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Community Program Developer

Brent Bahrenburg

Community Economic Revitalization Board

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2001-2003 BIENNIUM

2001 Meetings

July 19, 2001
September 20, 2001
*November 15, 2001

Application Deadline

June 4, 2001
August 6, 2001
October 1, 2001

2002 Meetings

January 17, 2002
March 21, 2002
May 16, 2002
July 18, 2002
September 19, 2002
November 21, 2002

Application Deadline

December 3, 2001
February 4, 2002
April 1, 2002
June 3, 2002
August 5, 2002
October 7, 2002

2003 Meetings

January 16, 2003
March 20, 2003

May 15, 2003

June 30, 2003 is the end of the 2001-2003 Biennium
July 17, 2003
September 18, 2003
November 20, 2003

Application Deadline

December 2, 2002
February 3, 2003

April 1, 2003

June 2, 2003
August 4, 2003
October 6, 2003

All of the meetings begin at 9:00 am and are held at the Sea-Tac International Airport, Host International Auditorium except the
*November 15, 2001 meeting will be held near the Sea-Tac Airport at the Radisson Hotel, 17001 Pacific Hwy S., Seattle, WA.

DIRECTIONS TO CERB MEETING LOCATIONS:

Host International Auditorium, in Sea-Tac Airport:

The mezzanine level is located behind and above the main airport ticketing area. **From Parking:** Look for Eva Air. Proceed to the large corridor past Eva Air (where art is displayed in glass cases). Proceed up the stairs to your left to the mezzanine level and the Host International Auditorium. **From In-Coming Flights:** Look for the Starbucks stand. The mezzanine level stairs are located around the corner in the large corridor exiting the airport. Proceed up the stairs to your right to the mezzanine level and the Host International.

The auditorium is located directly to the left at the top of the stairs. Look for a "CERB" sign at the entrance of the auditorium.

***Radisson Hotel, near Sea-Tac Airport:**

I-5 North: Take 152nd, turn left on 188th. Proceed under I-5, 1 mile West on 188th. Turn right onto Hwy. 99 International Blvd. Go ½

- CERB is a state economic development resource strategically focused to help business and industry create and retain jobs in partnership with local communities.
- CERB provides financing for construction of public facilities that support private sector development and increased employment opportunities.
- Management support is provided by the Office of Trade & Economic Development that works to enhance and promote sustainable economic vitality.

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